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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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VERY REVEREND GEORGES F.
de LAIRE, J.C.L.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GARY MICHAEL VORIS, ANITA
CAREY, ST. MICHAEL'S MEDIA
a/k/a CHURCH MILITANT, and
MARC BALESTRIERI,

Defendants.

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No.
1:21-cv-00131-JL

DEPOSITION OF BROTHER ANDRE MARIE VILLARRUBIA,
Deposition taken at wadleigh, Starr & Peters,
95 Market Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, on
Tuesday, March 7, 2023, commencing at 1:12 p.m.)

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WITNESS: BROTHER ANDRE MARIE VILLARRUBIA

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Klaus)

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1 BROTHER ANDRE MARIE VILLARRUBIA,
2 having been duly sworn,
3 was deposed and testified
4 as follows:

5 EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. ELOVECKY:

7 Q. Good afternoon.

8 A. Good afternoon.

9 Q. My name is Suzanne Elovecky, and I am
10 counsel for the plaintiff in the case that we're
11 here on today which is the Very Reverend George
12 de Laire versus Church Militant, also known as St.
13 Michael's Media, Gary Michael Voris, Anita Carey,
14 and Mark Balestrieri. Do you understand that?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you're here responding to a
17 subpoena that was addressed to the St. Benedict
18 Center, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. Could you state your name for the
21 record?

22 A. My name is Brother Andre Marie
23 villarrubia.

24 Q. And how do you like to be addressed?

25 A. Either Brother Andre or Brother.

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1 restate the question.

2 BY MS. ELOVECKY:

3 Q. And I'm not asking for information that
4 you're regarding as privileged, whether or not we
5 agree is a separate thing, we've decided not to
6 push that. So without divulging information you
7 view as privileged, can you tell me what the
8 January 26, 2022 conversation with Marc
9 Balestrieri consisted of?

10 MR. TIERNEY: The June.

11 MS. ELOVECKY: Yes, I apologize.

12 BY MS. ELOVECKY:

13 Q. June 26, 2022.

14 A. So I had texted him to ask him, this is
15 immediately subsequent to my learning from Michael
16 Tierney that Michael Voris said that Marc authored
17 the article.

18 I sensed this was a problem, and I
19 texted him simply to find out do we have a standing
20 mandate for you to be our procurator or advocate.
21 I just wanted to double-check a formality in canon
22 law that means if he is designated to be our
23 advocate or our procurator.

24 I couldn't for the life of me remember
25 if there was one standing. And he -- and we went

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1 back and forth on that and I got satisfied with
2 that answer.

3 well, he clearly knew that there was
4 some subject of concern, so and then he wanted to
5 talk. And he called me, and in that conversation
6 I -- you know, he basically says, what's up. And I
7 said this is a problem, that Michael Voris said
8 that you wrote the article and you're our canon
9 lawyer. And he said, I didn't write the article.
10 He vehemently denied authorship of the article.

11 I simply thought that that should be on
12 the record. Obviously Marc's chosen not to defend
13 himself, but I have this information, and I thought
14 that this should be part of the record.

15 And I was trying to cut the
16 conversation short, because I knew that we were
17 going to be seeking the services of another
18 canonist from here on out, and I didn't feel that I
19 had to give lengthy explanations to Marc about
20 that.

21 Q. Okay. Did you believe Marc that he did
22 not write the article?

23 A. Counselor, I did not know what to
24 believe. I was given -- I was given to -- the way
25 Marc tried to explain himself, the impression I got

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1 was that it may have been some sort of
2 collaborative effort, but I -- that's an
3 impression.

4 And, frankly, I knew at this point that
5 our professional relationship had ended, and I
6 wasn't interested in further discussions about it.

7 Q. Was the only basis of the end of that
8 relationship the article and the questions
9 surrounding it?

10 A. The only basis -- well, specifically
11 the acquisition that he had written it, that
12 completely changed everything. As I said, I had no
13 idea that he had written it; I had no idea that
14 there was even a claim floating around that he had
15 written it. I had assumed that he had been one of
16 the sources of information, but that's it.

17 Q. That was an easy assumption to make.
18 So I'm going to pass out a couple more exhibits.
19 I think we're at 11 and 12. I think it is an
20 enclosure, it maybe could just be one, but to be
21 safe.

22 (Villarrubia Exhibit 11 was marked for
23 identification.)

24 (Villarrubia Exhibit 12 was marked for
25 identification.)